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SENATOR DeCAMP: No, I would like to address that specific question. There probably is nothing more inaccurate than those letters you have been receiving. I will explain that. The county clerk says we are getting at the present time let's say \$30,000 from filing of these liens or whatever at the county court house. They come in and they pay that and then we do the work of filing. In fact at the committee hearing, and those must be early letters, are those a couple of months ago?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, this is dated April 5th, 1983.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Then they had not seen the committee amendments. Okay, yet they were not taking into consideration the fact that they expended money in personnel time filing these. So in fact as was proved at the committee, they may be spending more right now than they are receiving. This system still guarantees you are going to have that income to the county but if it is, it will completely pay for the system. So if anything, the counties are probably going to save money by having something that is fully reimbursed. I would tell you one other thing that probably you learned at the committee, whether you were the grain elevators, whether you were the bankers or the PCAs, there was one thing they all agreed on, we had the worst system that you could ever have for solving this particular problem as it exists now and everybody agreed it needed to be changed. The disagreement was in how to change it. So even though the county clerk may say, well, this is going to cost ten or fifteen thousand dollars, the county clerk isn't looking at the \$4 billion that the ag economy has resting on this decision one way or the other.

SENATOR KILGARIN: One minute, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator DeCamp, I cannot speak for the county clerks for not looking at the \$4 billion. The only think I can speak for is the county clerks that are saying we are underneath the 7% lid. It is going to cost you an even \$9,000 a year and Kimball, \$30,000, Fillmore County based on '82, \$1,700, and you are saying that the industry is going to pay for it so I guess I am a little...maybe we will take care of this on Select like we are going to take care of all of the rest of the problems. Just a minute, the county gets \$3?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.